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"In Remembrance" will be shown at the Farmville Assembly of God Church. Farmville Assembly is located 2 miles north of Farmville on Rt. 45. It will be shown Sunday, May 11, 1980 at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

Batien trains in Berlin

Warrant Officer Willard W. Batien, son of Mrs. Ruby Stanley, Appomattox, Va., recently participated in a training excursion in Berlin.

During the training, soldiers learned combat-in-city tactics. Using old buildings and streets for battlefields, their purpose was to conduct operations in an effective and efficient manner in built-up areas such as cities.

Batien is a maintenance technician with the 502nd Transportaiton Company in Germany.

Batien entered the Army in June 1966.

He attended Big Ben Community College, Moses Lake, Wash.

His wife, Elke, is with him in Germany.

Anniversary celebrated

An overflowing crowd attened Zion Men's Choir 2nd Anniversary. Mistresses of ceremony-Mrs. Jane Byrd, opening song-Leaning On The Everlasting Arm, scripture-Mrs. Ruth Cobbs, prayer-Decon Frank Johnson, welcome-Mrs. Barbara Wesley, response-Mrs. Rosa Jones, roll call and visiting groups, Harmoneers-from Brookneal, Va., gospel Quintets-Pamplin, Va., spiritual travellettes-Burkeville, Va., silvertones-Pamplin, Va., 7 voices of harmony-Kendridge, Va., offering-Deacon Frank Johnson and others, song by-senior choir, Rev. James Franklin and Sybil-Pamplin, Va., men's choir history by-David Patterson, presentations, Holiness Gospel singer-Pamplin, Va., William's Family special guest-Rice, Va., 2 selections by Rev. Charles Lewis-Amherst, V., remarks and announcements-closing, manager-Bernard Wesley, Robert Byrd- pres. Jesse Walker, vice president-Elmore Hayes, Treasurer-Illey Cobbs, Sect-David Patterson, lead guitarist-Lewis Moore, Bass quitarist-Dwight Walker, members-Floyd Cobbs, Andrew Mack, Samuel Jennings, Deacon Frank Johnson, James Moore.

Primary Menu

Mon., May 12 - Hot dog on bun, baked tomatoes, pinto beans, cookie, milk.

Tues., May 13 - Chili beans, slaw, apple sauce, roll, butter, jello, milk.

Wed., May 14 - Chuck wagon pattie, buttered cauliflower, green peas, mixed fruit, milk, jello.

Thurs., May 15 - Hamburger, French fries, mixed vegetables, cookie, milk.

Friday, May 16 - Fish, creamed potatoes, greens, roll, butter, milk, mixed fruit.

Elementary Menu

May 8 - Beef ravioli casserole, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls, milk.

May 9 - Sausage patties, French fries, green peas, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

May 12 - Meat loaf, corn bread, turnip greens, creamed potatoes, purple plums, milk.

May 13 - Cheese pizza w/beef, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, cookies, milk (Rm. 2)

May 14 - Hot dog on bun, pinto beans, cole slaw, sliced pineapple, milk

May 15 - Sliced turnkey w//gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, fruit cup, milk.

Obituaries

Mrs. David Thornhill

Dora (Betsy) Thornhill, 61, of 477 Lisa Square, Virginia Beach, died Sunday in Chesapeake Hospital.

She was a native of Appomattox. She was a member of Fairview Heights Baptist Church, Portsmouth.

Surviving are her father, Hurley B. Trent of Lynchburg; her husband, David Thornhill of Virginia Beach; a son, Leonard M. Thornhill of Virginia Beach; three brothers, Hurley T. Trent of Lynchburg, Frank D. Trent of Florida and David E. Trent of Rustburg; two sisters, Mary T. Howard of Forest and Pauline T. Thornhill of Newspaper News; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Kellum Funeral Chapel, Virginia Beach, Entombment was in Rosewood Memorial Park.

MICHAEL WEISS, adjutant of American Legion post 104, presented a check for $500 to Ray Noble, fund-raising chairman of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, Monday at the squad building. The donated funds came from proceeds from weekly Bingo games held at the post home on Oakleigh Avenue, sponsored by the American Legion.

PTA to meet

The Appomattox Primary School PTA will meet May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A short business meeting will be followed by installation of new officers.

Dr. Ann Looney, child psychologist, will speak on "communicating with your child."

Zion Baptist news

Sunday, May 4 this bright and beautiful day a large crowd of members and visiting friends attended the regular preaching service held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 11 p.m. Rev. Charles Lewis was the speaker for the hour. Rev. Lewis preached a challenging message. He spoke on "Up tight church in a sick world". All present enjoyed this great message. The Senior Choir rendered beautiful misic. The offering was very good. At the close of the service was the spring rally. Mrs. Jane Byrd for the ladies and Deacon Frank Johnson for the men's. The rally was a success. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lewis and Mrs. G. W. Wiggin were dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Edwards. Out of town visitors in the Franklin home were Mrs. Lucille Wade, Washington, D.C., also Mrs. Elsie Robertson. Mrs. Franklin was able to be at the men's choir anniversairy Sunday. We were happy to have her out. Rev. H. O. Flood will be our great speaker for Mother's Day along with the male choir. You are cordially invited to attend.

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Tragic accident claims young life

Appomattox was saddened Monday with news that Pamela Dawn Fuller, 16, had died following an accident involving a school bus in which she was a passenger and a loaded tractor-trailer.

She died at Lynchburg General Hospital at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, following the accident which occurred at approximately 7:45 a.m.

Gregory Allen, a nine-year-old student at Appomattox Elementary School, was also seriously injured in the accident, which took place on U. S. 460 a half mile west of Spout Spring.

According to state police, a county school bus had stopped to pick up a student when a tractor trailer driven by Gordon W. Wallen of Red Oak, Va. rammed the rear of the stopped bus.

The impact collapsed the back of the bus, where Fuller and Allen were sitting, and drove the bus approximately 190 feet, where it came to rest in the ditch beside the road.

The tractor-trailer also went into the ditch following impact.

State Trooper Danny P. Beamon, investigating-officer, said Wallen told him the brakes would not stop the truck as it approached the stopped bus. He said the truck was traveling approximately 45 m.p.h.

Betty Jane Brown, driver of the bus, said she saw flashing lights on the truck as it approached her bus from the rear.

Beamon said the truck was boxed in by traffic in the left lane as it approached the bus and could not swerve left to avoid the bus.

Miss Fuller and the Allen boy were taken to Lynchburg General by units from the Concord Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Brown and Eldridge Allen, a tenth-grade student aboard the bus, were also taken to Lynchburg General and treated and released.

Beamon said charges are pending further investigation of the accident.

The Fuller girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Fuller, III of Route 1, Spout Spring, was a tenth-grade student at Appomattox County High School.

Beamon said there were 12 students on the bus at the time of the accident, and one preparing to enter the bus.

Both the school bus and the truck, owned by M. J. Elder and K. W. Jones of Charlotte Court House, were total losses.

Wallen and Michael Steven Rutledge, 18, a passenger in the truck, were taken to the Appomattox Family Practice Center and treated for cuts and facial injuries.

Pamela Dawn Fuller died from injuries sustained in this school bus accident Monday morning, and Gregory Allen was seriously injured when a tractor-trailer smashed into the back of the bus stopped on Route 460 to pick up another student. Fuller was a student at Appomattox County High Schoole and Allen is a student at Appomattox Elementary School.

This tractor-trailer owned by M. J. Elder and K. W. Jones of Charlotte Court House, was being driven by Gordon W. Wallen of Red Oak Monday when it rammed the rear of the stopped school bus. Both the bus and the truck were completely demolished. Charges are pending further investigation of the accident according to State Trooper Danny P. Beamon.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools, said this is the first fatality involving a student and a school bus in Appomattox County. He said that there was a fatality involving the driver of a school bus in 1958.

In commenting on the accident, Walton said, "This has been a shock to the community and to the school system. We are saddened by this tragic event. We express our deepest sympathy to the Fuller family, and we are grateful that at this point it appears Gregory Allen, who was seriously injured, will recover. Our thoughts and concerns are also with this family, and with others who were touched by this accident."

Council wants all or none

The Appomattox Town Council Monday night instructed Mayor Ronnie Spiggle and Town Manager Bill Britton to tell the state Water Control Board that Appomattox wants 100 percent funding or no funding for a new regional sewer system.

Spiggle and Britton are scheduled to appear before the Water Control Board tomorrow (Friday) to discuss the possibility of altering the plan for expenditure of sewer-grant funds already approved for the town. The town wants the state's support in using grant monies to upgrade its existing sewer facility.

Britton and Spiggle had originally planned to approach the Water Control Board to request the funds be allocated, but that the town write an addendum to the original grant application which would allow Appomattox to build a sewer system which would be less of a financial burden to the township.

Britton noted Monday night that the money has been approved and awaits final formal application from Appomattox. The councilmen, however, said they would rather make it clear that the town wants complete funding if the federal government is going to mandate that it build a new sewer plant.

Council also voted to approve a 99-year right-of-way lease to VEPCO for installation of a power line across a portion of the old landfill site.

The town will receive $1150 for the lease, which involves less than an acre of land.

Council also voted to advertise a proposed bank franchise tax ordinance for Appomattox.

Britton explained that Appomattox and others in the state are currently under suit by Fidelity Bank, which is contesting the state law which allows the towns to tax the bank franchise. The proposed ordinance would be a protective measure to prevent further suits. Britton noted that the General Assembly enacted legislation in it 1980 session which allows towns to pass such protective ordinances.

All systems 'go' for clean-up campaign

By BILL SHERROD—

All systems are go for the Appomattox County cleanup campaign, which is slated for next week, May 19-25.

The committees spearheading the effort met Thursday night to discuss final plans for the actual cleanup, as well as plans for continuation of the "Keep Appomattox Clean" campaign.

Bill Caldwell, chairman of the cleanup committee, is the contact man for civic groups wishing to pick up trash in the Cloverhill District. Francis E. Tyler was named contact man for the Stonewall District, and Carolyn Thompson was named contact woman for the Southside District.

Groups wishing to help the effort by picking up trash in a particular area should contact the appropriate liaison person.

Caldwell is the contact person for those wishing to obtain garbage bags, litter containers for autos, posters, bumper stickers and anti-litter buttons, as well. He may be reached during the day at Appomattox Building Inspector's office.

Communications Chairman Bill Britton said he would investigate the possibility of having signs placed at points where major roads enter into Appomattox asking that visitors not litter the county. On the back of the signs, visible as traffic leaves the county, will be a "thank you for not littering" message. Britton noted that the signs will be of a rustic appearance, in similar to the signs greeting visitors entering the county now.

Shirley Eye, chairman of the education committee, noted that plans are in the works for an awards program for students in the county next fall. The awards would be cash prizes, $1,000 split between the five schools. The money is included in the anti-litter grant received by Appomattox County.

A further development which surfaced at the meeting involves junked cars. Anyone wishing to have a junked automobile disposed of should contact Francis E. Tyler at 352-7238.

People who collect trash during the clean-up week may dispose of it in the county containers, or take it to the county landfill, according to Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the planning and organization committee.

In addition, there will be a trash truck at the Appomattox Town Office available for picking up trash collected in the town. Pamplin will have a pick-up day for old tires and trash Wednesday. Persons wishing to have collected trash removed should contact the town office at 248-8614.

Shirley Walton, coordinator of the clean-up campaign, stressed that the effort should be an ongoing one. "Once we get things cleaned up, we should see that effective educational programs are instituted to keep people from littering again," she said.

Barbara Williams suggested that a clean-up effort could be mounted in the fall, as the autumn foliage comes into season.

A number of areas were designated for clean-up efforts at the meeting.

Included were portions of Routes 648, 719, 630, 677 north, 608 (from Oakville to Concord), 1009, and 611.

These areas will be cleaned up by various civic groups, and organizations wishing to clean up part of the county should contact their liasion person.

Additional information on the cleanup effort and ongoing program is available in the advertisement page 16.

Local firm makes low bid for jail

J. E. Jamerson and Sons of Appomattox submitted the lowest of five bids for construction of a new county jail Friday at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

The bid submitted by Jamerson and Sons was $415,800, with an estimated project-completion time of 250 calendar days. The second lowest bid, submitted by Smith-Wimer Co. of Lynchburg was for $439,200, with a 320-day estimate.

Other bids submitted were from Bridgeforth Construction Co. (Farmville), $448,000 in 350 days; Heidle-Evans Co. (Richmond), $459,700 in 300 days; and J. E. Sears Co. (Appomattox), $479,000 in 280 calendar days.

The bids were opened by Hal Craddock and Garland Gay, architectural consultants for the county.

Four alternate construction schemes were included in the bids. They included eliminating a fence and gate around the jail's kitchen; eliminating a sprinkler system and reducing the size of the water main coming into the jail; providing a more modern and elaborate roof structure; and eliminating the proposed asphault-shingle roofing and installing pre-painted siding in certain parts of the building.

The proposed new county jail will replace an 84-year-old facility which was closed by the state fire marshall last September.

The proposed new jail would be a 5,300-square-foot building meeting state corrections department criteria.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the board of supervisors, said no decision will be made on the bids until the consultants have had an opportunity to review the bids.

Board members agreed to meet with the consultants today (Thursday) for their recommendation on which bid to accept.

In other business, board members voted to pass a resolution changing an ordinance regulating taverns in the county.

The action came at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Nugene Harvey, owners and operators of the Southside Country Club on Route 460 west of Appomattox.

The change will allow dance halls to remain open until 2 a.m. on weekends, rather than 1 a.m. as presently stipulated in the ordinance.

The other stipulations in the ordinance will remain unchanged.

Board members also transferred out a deed for land near the historical complex off Route 24 to Nancy Scott Goode, daughter of Sue Scott, who originally donated the land to the county.

The action was taken following a request from Jack Lansdale of the Park Service, who requested that the 3.31 acres be deeded to the federal government to be incorporated into the historical complex.

Lawson explained that the Board's policy in the past has been to return land donated to the county back to its original owner when a request for ownership of that land surfaced.

Since Sue Scott donated the land to the county, the supervisors decided to return the deed to Mrs. Goode, Sue Scott's daughter.

Lawson noted that the park service could work out an arrangement with Mrs. Goode for transferring ownership of the land.

Lansdale noted that the Park Service wants the deed to the land because it will have to maintain the access roads into the parcel, and in order to get funds for maintenance, it would have to be able to prove ownership.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

As schools near the end of the present session, our fine young people dominate the news. The thrill of winning a diploma is matched by the pride of parents and friends. Honors for all. The reality of facing a new world will come soon enough. For the moment, it is Salute Graduates, Teachers, Administrators, Staff, Coaches, and the taxpayers. Nor forget every student who passes his or her grade. Appomattox is well represented at the college level, too, and has its share of students with report cards labeled Dean's List or Honor Roll.

To University of Virginia basketball fans, one report card was of special interest. Star freshman Ralph Sampson got two B's and two C's. The Harrisonburg player was perhaps the most publicized athlete of the year in Virginia. Nice to know that he is also a good student.

From ancient times, memorializing the departed was an honored practice. Memorial Day is our next holiday. In Appomattox, in 1865, scarcely had the excitement of the last fight subsided when Mrs. Leyburn, wife of the Presbyterian minister at Old Appomattox led a group of local citizens in honoring the war dead. Researchers tell us that while John A. Logan was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, his wife, traveling with him, noted that graves of soldiers were being neglected. He issued General Order No. 11, dated at Washington, D.C. May 5, 1868, designating the thirtieth of May as a special day for strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades. For years Confederate Memorial Day was held earlier, but now May 30 is generally used. It is a solemn national occasion. May I quote...

"O God of nations, unto thee We sing our grand hosanna; For in thy favor are we free, The Stars and Stripes our banner. The sun in circling round the world, The stars that watch above it, Behold no fairer flag unfurled, Nor wonder that we love it."

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Driving around town, I admired blooming iris. It is the current delight of gardeners and I regretted that I did not have any in my garden. Ah yes, but a couple of days later in a choice spot in my garden, iris burst into bloom. A dozen or more. I needed that, and now will be hoping the same happens for dayillies. It is not always necessary to be first on Nature's timetable.

Commencement time renews pride in one's high school or college. In my case, the college is University of Richmond. The school's alumni magazine states that one of five members of the Virginia General Assembly went to U. of R. One of every two attorneys in Richmond is a graduate of the U. of R. law school. One of every four major businesses in the Richmond area is headed by a U. of R. alumnus or trustee and there are 270 teachers in metropolitan Richmond who went to U. of R. Equal statements of pride could be made for other educational institutions in the Old Dominion. "June Week" is memory time.

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To be "a man for all season" is a worthy goal, but I make no bones about it . . I do not like thunder storms or severe winds. Maybe The South has more than its share. Worst storm I was ever in? Wow. Lots of'em. And there will be others to come, I suppose the key word is Faith and Faith is the icing on the cake of life.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

At ACHS

Grad policy altered

A minor change in the graduation policy at Appomattox County High School was introduced for consideration at the school board meeting Thursday.

Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Walton noted that the proposed policy involves awarding of certificates of completion to students who have completed prescribed programs in special education but have not met the requirements to receive a diploma.

In addition, students in the regular academic program who have earned 23 units of credit, but who have not met other requirements for a diploma, will be eligible for a certificate of completion.

Walton noted that promotion and grade classification require completion of a minimum number of credits at the end of the school year as follows: ninth grade, three credits, 10th grade, eight credits, 11th grade, 13 credits; 12th grade, at least 18 credits; and graduation, at least 23 credits.

Walton noted that the proposed change in policy will be circulated at the high school, and comments on it would be considered at the next regular meeting of the school board.

Board members also heard a report on a proposal to initiate summer school classes for elementary students.

Walton noted that response to a letter sent to school parents has been "slight, " with the parents of six students expressing an interest in the classes as of the day of the meeting.

"Six students could possibly justify (the expense of) the classes," Walton noted. He added, however, that original projections indicated that ten students would be more suitable to justify the classes.

Walton added that the classes would probably be held at the elementary school, but could possibly be held at the high school.

Board members also received a report on bids for installation of carpet on the main corridor of the Appomatox Middle School.

The low bid of two submitted came from New York Carpet World of Lynchburg, for $4898.60. The Carpet House of Appomattox also submitted a bid, for $5875. Board members accepted the low bid.

"MISS APPOMATTOX 1980", Miss Nadine Faye Bugg will serve as "mistress of ceremonies" for the first "Little Miss May Day Pageant" in Appomattox. The pageant will be held Saturday night, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School auditorium. She is a 1979 graduate of Appomatox County High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Bugg of Appomatox. Nadine will be competing for the title of "Miss Virginia 1980" in Roanoke, on July 12, 1980 at 8 p.m. The "Miss Virginia 1980" pageant will be televised.